

From: [Ireland, Terry](#)
To: [Deibert, Pat](#); [Patty Gelatt](#)
Cc: [Creed Clayton](#)
Subject: Re: revision to NW CO plan
Date: Wednesday, May 01, 2013 3:33:23 PM

Hi Pat,

I think they've covered the big stuff in the table and EIS and, if they don't falter during development of the proposed alternative, what I see in Table 4-XX seems pretty good. However, I voiced hesitation to Erin Jones on determining adequacy of how much protection GRSG will get based on the narrative. It's not that I think Alternative D or language we recommended they choose under the other alternatives (B and C, assuming they do) is necessarily inadequate. It just hard for me to feel 100% confident in my assessment, in part because it's a large document and I have not had time to take it all in and probably in part (perhaps a larger part) because I'm not trusting. It's hard to get my head around whether a 5% cap is ok for Colorado, whether "additional effective mitigation" if a project causes exceedance of the 5% will be adequate to protect grouse, and whether waivers, exemptions, and modifications (which BLM says will be the exception rather than the rule) will not allow impact to GRSG. As Erin and Bridget (Creed's wife) explained if project proponents want to go over 5% they have to have data-based documentation to say why they can do that, so maybe it's fine (e.g. the GRSG population is healthy and their project will cause insignificant impacts due to minimization and/or mitigation).

Creed recalled that Jim Cagney stated that he didn't expect any management zone to get to 5%. Creed would like to have BLM explain in the EIS why they don't think they'll get to 5%. Give me a call if you wish to discuss anything before your meeting tomorrow.

On Wed, May 1, 2013 at 2:30 PM, Deibert, Pat <pat_deibert@fws.gov> wrote:

Terry and Creed - I just got the table from Johanna and need to know what your thoughts are on it. I'm on a conference call right now but an e-mails is fine. I'm still not sure this gets us to a more complete effects analysis, but I am not familiar with the document, so defer to your expertise.

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